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**BRIEFING: SEPTEMBER 2010 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #9**

**TO: Chairman Pringle and Authority Board Members**

**FROM: Carrie L. Bowen, Deputy Director**

**DATE: September 2, 2010**

**RE: Bakersfield to Palmdale Section Preliminary Alternatives Analysis**

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**Bakersfield to Palmdale Preliminary Alternatives Analysis**

This agenda item is intended to serve as the release of the Preliminary Alternatives Analysis (AA) Report for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Section and provide the public and the Board an opportunity to be briefed on the current state of analyzing the alignment alternatives in the section. The full Bakersfield to Palmdale Preliminary Alternatives Analysis will be posted on the CHSRA website on September 2, 2010.

Subject to United States Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer concurrence as part of the Clean Water Act § 404 (b)(1)/National Environmental Protection Act NEPA integration process, and considering the technical data and the extensive community, stakeholder, and agency input received, Authority staff recommends the alignment alternatives identified in the attached Executive Summary of the Preliminary AA be carried forward for detailed study in the Bakersfield to Palmdale Section HST Project EIR/EIS.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff requests approval of the Preliminary AA.

**Attachments:**

- ✓ Preliminary AA Report Executive Summary